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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In the Claims:

The following listing reflects amendments to the claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1-4. (Cancelled)

- 5. (Currently amended) A carrier protein that comprises a P23TT, P32TT, P21TT, PFT3, P30TT, P2TT, HBVnc, influenza haemagglutinin (HA), HbsAg and influenza matrix (MT) CD4+ T cell epitope epitopes.
- 6. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> carrier protein according to claim 5, that <u>further</u> comprises a <u>P23TT</u>, <u>P32TT</u>, <u>P21TT</u>, <u>PFT3</u>, <u>P30TT</u>, <u>P2TT</u>, <u>HBVnc</u>, <u>HA</u>, <u>HbsAg</u>, <u>MT and an</u> hsp70 CD4+ T cell epitope.

7-12. (Cancelled)

- 13. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> carrier protein according to claim 37, wherein the polysaccharide is from any one of the following organisms: S. pneumoniae, N. meningitidis, S. aureus, Klebsiella, or S. typhimurium.
- 14. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> carrier protein according to claim 37, wherein the polysaccharide is conjugated to the carrier protein by a covalent linkage.
- 15. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> carrier protein according to claim 37, wherein the polysaccharide is conjugated to the carrier protein by reductive amination.

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16. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> carrier protein according to claim 37, wherein between two and ten carrier protein molecules are present for each polysaccharide molecule.

17-32. (Cancelled)

- 33. (Previously presented) The carrier protein according to claim 5, wherein the CD4+ T cell epitopes are human CD4+ T cell epitopes.
- 34. (Previously presented) The carrier protein according to claim 6, wherein the CD4+ T cell epitopes are human CD4+ T cell epitopes.
- 35. (Currently amended) The carrier protein according to claim 5, wherein the carrier protein is in an oligomeric form.
- 36. (Currently amended) The carrier protein according to claim 6, wherein the carrier protein is in an oligomeric form.
- 37. (Previously presented) The carrier protein according to claim 5, conjugated to a polysaccharide.
- 38. (Previously presented) The carrier protein according to claim 6, conjugated to a polysaccharide.
- 39. (Previously presented) The carrier protein according to claim 37, wherein the polysaccharide is an *Haemophilus influenzae* type B polysaccharide.
- 40. (Previously presented) The carrier protein according to claim 38, wherein the polysaccharide is an *Haemophilus influenzae* type B polysaccharide.

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41. (Previously presented) A vaccine comprising the carrier protein according to claim 5.

- 42. (Previously presented) A vaccine comprising the carrier protein according to claim 6.
- 43. (Previously presented) A vaccine comprising the carrier protein according to claim 39.
- 44. (Previously presented) A vaccine comprising the carrier protein according to claim 40.